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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BILATERAL RELATIONS

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1. AS WE SEE IT, POSSIBILITY REACHING INTERIM FREQUENCY AGREEMENT WILL BE DETERMINED BY HOW MUCH ARGENTINES WANT TO INCREASE FREQUENCIES OVER NEXT FIVE OR SIX MONTHS. IF PLANS FOR 747 FALL THROUGH AND IF AEROLINEAS WANTS ONLY THE THREE FREQUENCIES FOR WHICH IT EARLIER ASKED, PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING THREE US FREQUENCIES ARE PRESUMABLY NOT GOOD SINCE GOA HAS ALREADY TURNED DOWN THIS ARRANGEMENT. ON OTHER HAND, IF 747 USE IS STILL IN PICTURE AND MORE FREQUENCIES ARE DESIRED, GOA MAY BE WILLING APPROVE THREE FREQUENCIES FOR US AIRLINES TO OBTAIN WHAT AEROLINEAS WANTS.

2. WE WISH STRESS THAT AN INTERIM SOLUTION MUST, FROM US VIEWPOINT, BE BASED ON OPERATIONAL INTERESTS OVER NEXT FIVE OR SIX MONTHS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE TO ATTEMPT PURSUE A LONGER RANGE AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME. IT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO US TO AVOID A DEAL WHICH INCLUDES

FOR AEROLINEAS (AND US AIRLINES ALSO) FREQUENCY LEVELS WHICH COULD BE IMPLEMENTED NEXT YEAR OR LATER. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO BECAUSE GOA PENCHANT FOR PARITY MAY RESULT IN GOA RESPONDING TO OUR PROPOSAL THAT AEROLINEAS ALSO WANTS 19 FREQUENCIES. IF WE ACCEPT SUCH DEAL AND IF AEROLINEAS IN FACT OPERATES 19 FREQUENCIES THIS YEAR, WE

WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH SUCH DE FACTO PARITY. BUT WE DO NOT WANT TO ACCEPT PARITY AS A CONCEPT, WHICH WOULD BE CASE IF WE AGREED TO 19 FREQUENCIES FOR EACH SIDE WHICH COULD BE IMPLEMENTED AT ANY TIME. SINCE THE RESTRAINING FEATURE WE WANT WOULD APPLY EQUALLY TO US AIRLINES, THEY TOO WOULD BE IN "USE IT OR LOSE IT" SITUATION.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE COULD BE QUESTIONS OF INTERPRETATION INVOLVED, SUCH AS REINSTITUTION OF A SUSPENDED FREQUENCY OR DEFERRAL OF AN INAUGURATION DATE. THESE COULD BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IF GOA GIVES US A REPLY WHICH IS IN BALL PARK.

4. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL (A) CONCERNING WASHINGTON MEETINGS, THEY WERE ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT RELATIVELY LONG-RUN SOLUTION OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS. PROPOSAL UNDER DISCUSSION IS ATTEMPT TO SOLVE ASAP SHORT-RUN OPERATIONAL PROBLEM. THEREFORE, WHILE IT WAS AGREED THAT UNDER LONG-RUN SOLUTION A DELAY OR DECISION BY AIRLINE TEMPORARILY TO SUSPEND SERVICE WOULD NOT NEGATE RIGHT OF THAT AIRLINE LATER TO IMPLEMENT FULL LEVEL OF SERVICE AUTHORIZED, WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING PERTAINS TO CURRENT AD HOC PROPOSED SOLUTION.

5. IN LIGHT INFORMATION CONTAINED REF (A) AND CLARIFICATION CONTAINED THIS RESPONSE, REQUEST THAT BEFORE TERMINATING HOLDING ACTION WITH GOA OFFICIALS EMBASSY RELAY TO DEPT ITS LATEST EVALUATION OF MOST PROBABLE RECEPTION BY ARGENTINES OUR PROPOSAL CONTAINED REFTTEL (B). SISCO

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